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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

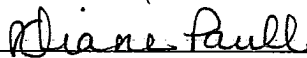
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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39. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the metal oxide (MO) is at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of FeO, MnO, MgO, CaO, Li₂O and SrO.

Claims 20-39 (Canceled)

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40. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the weight ratio ((M^LO)/(M^HO)) of the metal oxide (M^LO) to the metal oxide (M^HO) contained in the carrier core material for forming the coated carrier is in the range of 0.01 to 50.

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41. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the total content ((M^LO)+(M^HO)) by weight of the metal oxide (M^LO) and the metal oxide (M^HO) in the carrier core material for forming the coated carrier is in the range of 0.02 to 24% by weight.

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42. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the metal oxide (M^HO) is contained inside the particle of the carrier core material for forming the coated carrier in a concentration higher than that in the vicinity of the surface of the particle thereof.

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43. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the melting point of the metal oxide (M^LO) is in the range of 550 to 900°C and the melting point of the metal oxide (M^HO) is in the range of 1800 to 3500°C.

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44. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, wherein the carrier core material is coated with 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of a resin based on 100 parts by weight of the carrier core material.

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45. (Previously Presented) The coated carrier as claimed in claim ¹~~17~~, having an average particle diameter of 15 to 70 μm.